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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re U.S. Patent Application

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**For: AMINO ACID FRAME INDICATION SYSTEM,
METHOD FOR AMINO ACID FRAME
INDICATION, AND RECORDING MEDIUM**

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**Examiner:
ZEMAN, MARY K.**

**Honorable Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of additional claims is calculated as shown below:

FOR	TOTAL WITH NEW CLAIMS ADDED	TOTAL CURRENTLY ON FILE	CLAIMS PAID	RATE	CALCULATION
Total Claims	15	15	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	6	6	³ (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$290	0
REDUCTION FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY (note 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28). IF APPLICABLE, VERIFIED STATEMENT MUST BE ATTACHED				x ½	
TOTAL					0

In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

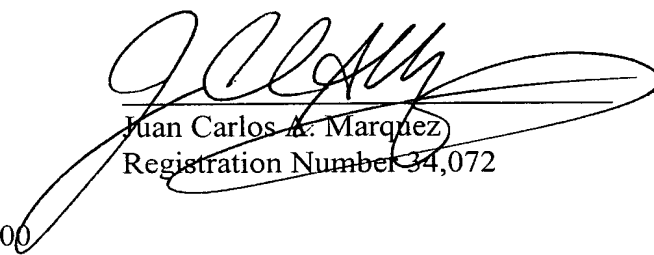
[x] Response to Office Action
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